

Funds for Old GMS, Playground Resurfacing Divide City Council

by Diane Oberg

On Wednesday, April 29 the Greenbelt City Council met in a worksession to review the overall plan for capital projects for the next fiscal year. The most heated discussion revolved around developers’ funds set aside for improvements to the old Greenbelt Middle School and unfunded improvements to a playground in the city’s core. Council generally holds a second meeting after the start of the new fiscal year to discuss more specific projects and priorities.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin is proposing to again allocate \$405,000 contribution from the General Fund for capital projects. In his written comments, he notes that this funding, added to the existing balances in the capital project accounts, is not sufficient for all the city’s priority projects, also identified in the budget document. The written comments suggest that this shortfall may indicate a need to increase the annual set-aside.

There are several capital projects funds, each with its own budget section. (Note: all amounts in this budget are estimates with actual amounts in most cases unknown until contracts are awarded.)

Capital Projects Fund

This fund accounts for the money appropriated in each year’s budget for capital projects. McLaughlin is proposing the following projects be undertaken during Fiscal Year 2016, some of which may be supplemented by the grant funds received.

Pedestrian/Bicycle Master plan (\$20,000) – including bike lane markings/signage on Ivy Lane, crosswalk striping and curb ramps at Frankfort Road and Morrison Drive and crosswalks at various intersections on Ora Glen Drive.

Bus Shelters (\$5,000) – construct one bus shelter, location to be determined.

Street Resurfacing (\$330,000) – Hanover Parkway from Eleanor

Roosevelt High School crosswalk to Greenbelt Road (\$230,000) and Crescent Road from Kenilworth Avenue to Lastner Lane (\$100,000).

Lake Dam Repairs (\$124,000). The city has signed an agreement with the State of Maryland to make major repairs to the dam at Greenbelt Lake over the next five years. The initial project is to replace the drain pipe at the lake.

Land Acquisition – \$450,000 in Program Open Space funds are proposed although specific parcels have not yet been identified.

Attick Park Master Plan – \$24,100 in city and Chesapeake Bay Trust funds would be used to design stormwater management and water quality treatment measures at the parking lot. The city will receive \$187,700 in total funds from the Trust for this project. McLaughlin expects work to begin in late summer or early fall.

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Animals Have Their Day At Budget Worksession

by Kathleen Gallagher

Mayor Emmett Jordan opened the April 20 Greenbelt City Council budget worksession for the Planning and Community Development Department by noting that segments of the departmental budget include planning, community development, animal control and parking control. Observing nearly a dozen volunteers from Well-Wishers of the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) in the audience in matching pink t-shirts, he suggested that the better part of valor would be to start the worksession with that part of the budget, which then took up a substantial part of the meeting.

Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze said she would start the revision with the most significant topic she wished to raise with council

under animal control, which was included in a \$25,000 item under unfunded capital improvements to the animal control facility. Such items are listed as needed capital projects but not targeted for funding in the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

As indicated in the city budget document, the rear and side yards at the shelter were never properly graded nor given surface treatment to withstand weather and the level of use they would receive. The yard area has now become what Craze described as a wet, muddy, smelly mess.

What is proposed is to install K-9 turf, which simulates a grass yard, looks and acts like grass, drains like a natural

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Boys & Girls Club Seeks \$15,000 from City Council

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council took time out from its review of the Recreation Department budget to hear the request of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club for city funding support in Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$15,000. Orin Howard, club president, and Anita Byers, boardmember, were present to review the club’s activities and problems facing it. The club was unable to be represented at an earlier council worksession with other organizations receiving city support.

The club, which is affiliated with the Prince George’s County Boys and Girls Club, estimates it will have 290 youth members for this year and 350 in the next year, according to contribution

application information it provided to the city. It offers programs in spring and fall soccer, track and field, county basketball, intramural basketball, cheerleading and football. The club also expects to offer flag football.

Howard noted a national drop-off in youth sports because of injury concerns. New football equipment will offer better protection to players. He said that, statistically, more concussions result from playing soccer than football.

There are also problems with participating with the county organization. It lifted restrictions on youths playing outside a district and this has resulted

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Minimum Wage Increases Affect Recreation Programming Costs

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council review of the Recreation Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 at its May 3 worksession was basically a review of printed material relating to department activities during the past year and plans for the next. These resulted in Recreation staff receiving many commendations from council and a few complaints. Although dollar amounts were hardly mentioned, there was no indication that council would cut or add to the budget of \$4,248,300 (excluding parks), an increase of five percent or \$213,000 over the current year’s estimated expenses.

Councilmember Edward Putens summed up his feeling towards the Recreation Department, which seemed to also reflect the views of others when he said, “It’s quiet in your department. I like that.”

Minimum Wage

The biggest financial challenge facing the department for the near future is the dramatic rise in the minimum wage required by Maryland law to take place over the next four years, with a mandated increase of 15 percent each year. More than any other department, the Recreation Department relies on part-time help, many positions held by young people while attending school full-time.

According to budget document information, two-thirds of

the staffing for programs and facilities in that department is provided by part-time, non-classified staff, roughly equivalent to 40 full-time employees. The department has not provided information as to the total number of part-time jobs offered in a year, which can vary in number on a day-to-day basis, more significantly by season.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that implementing the required wage increases in the first year of the four-year period, will require approximately \$100,000. The future mandated increases will cost even more. Not only will those whose pay levels are mandated for increase by law be paid more, but a relationship needs to be maintained between the least skilled employees and those with greater skills so that pay adjustments will be necessary all up the line.

Assistant Recreation Director for Operations Joe McNeal commented that for twenty years the minimum pay rate had been constant and now it is being corrected dramatically over just four years. He also noted that the department expected to have a decreased proportion of activity costs covered by fees as staff does not believe that fees can be increased as dramatically as the rising labor cost.

McLaughlin noted that it

would not be possible to increase all city wages as dramatically as those at the minimum wage level and that adjustments will have to be made. He intends to present to council at a later date his recommendations on implementing the future minimum wage increases and adjustments to compensation of other employees.

Overview

Recreation Director Julie McHale and Assistant Director for Programs Greg Varda also were present to answer council questions. Responding to a question, McHale noted that the departmental values and goals listed in the budget document remained pretty much unchanged from year to year, but that the strategies and objectives change as objectives are accomplished.

The five listed goals, she said, deal with providing quality recreation and learning activities, actively engaging and building relationships throughout the community, managing the operation of city park and recreation facilities, developing team capacity and organizational culture and strengthening organizational systems.

There follows in the budget document 14 pages of listed accomplishments. Some particularly noted at the meeting were

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What Goes On

Saturday, May 16

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Public Works Open House, 555 Crescent Rd.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fostering Kittens Workshop, Police Station

2 to 6 p.m., Celebration of Spring, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Monday, May 18

7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession on Green Ridge House at Green Ridge House. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltnmd.gov/municipalnty

Tuesday, May 19

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees Meeting, Public Works

Wednesday, May 20

1 to 3 p.m., Aging in Place Planning, Municipal Building (see ad page 5)

7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

Thursday, May 21

7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board Meeting, Schrom Hills Park, Community Meeting Room

News Review Seeks Web Designer

As the News Review continues to upgrade its electronic capabilities and presence, it requires outside assistance to upgrade its website. Working with a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation, the paper has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to local businesses for a relatively small scale but important initial push to upgrade the website. Although relatively small in scope, the required work will provide the foundation for a website that can be gradually expanded to encompass a wider range of services and offer more functionality to the paper’s audience and increase the paper’s appeal and readership. Based on the initial website development, bidders are also encouraged to discuss their approach to the future work that is envisaged.

Bids are encouraged from any organization, including individual consultants, that can illustrate a track record of successful web development and demonstrate understanding of the work to be done.

Potential bidders are encouraged to read the RFP – which can be retrieved from our website at greenbeltnewsreview.com. Bidders are encouraged to explore the existing website to see the starting point and can request clarification of the RFP by email.

The closing date for bids is May 22 at 4 p.m. EDT and work should begin in June. Instructions in the RFP explain how to bid.

The website has been online for several years and has done excellent service – providing weekly posting of the newspaper in PDF format and now including an archive back to 1937. But its scope is limited and the new site will offer better service for the paper’s readers and, as it expands, will provide facilities for online submission for stories and online forms for advertising and secure payments. In addition, we envisage a Greenbelt photo gallery, extra coverage of ongoing news topics, and the opportunity to comment online about Greenbelt issues.

Delegates to Review Legislative Session

The next meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will feature our three state delegates and their review of the recently adjourned legislative session. While what Governor Hogan calls the rain tax was defeated, what will our state representatives do to restore funding to clean the Chesapeake Bay? How will the cuts in education in the Governor’s budget affect efforts to expand current school structures and to build new schools as our County’s schools have become increasingly overcrowded?

The meeting will be held on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building. This is the place for stimulating conversation, good food and good friendships. For more information, call 202-321-4207 or check the Club’s web page at rooseveltclub.nationbuilder.com.

– Konrad Herling

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads.

The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership.

The Old Curmudgeon



"Damn virus!"
– November 11, 1999

Letters to the Editor

Kudos

Kudos to Billie Colombaro and our own Betty Ladas for “Choking out the Kudzu.” Pain disclosed in humor, spirit conveyed through music and the emergence of courage in a strong woman are themes that we can all be buoyed by. Greenbelt is blessed by talent.

Patricia Novinski

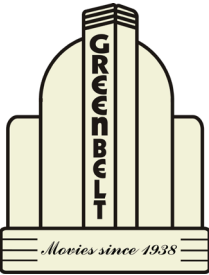
Farmers Market Opens

The board of the Greenbelt Farmers Market thanks everyone who made opening day such a success! The city, as always, was generous in its support, the police department in its responsiveness and the citizens in their willingness to come down and participate. We had a record-breaking turnout and are excited about this

year’s line-up of vendors and community participants.

The Market can’t run without volunteers. If you enjoy the Market please consider volunteering. We need help on the day of the Market with the information booth as well as support at other times. In particular, we need individuals whose vehicles have some extra cargo space and who can help with set up or tear down for about 45 minutes right before or after the market. An SUV, hatchback or van would be great. If you can volunteer for this or other tasks, email volunteers@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org or sign up at the information booth. It’s a great way to make a difference in your community.

See everyone at the market,
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Weds. 5:30 PM
Thurs. 8:00 PM

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Sat. 3:15 PM, 7:45 PM
Sun. 5:00 PM
Mon. 7:45 PM
Tues. 5:00 PM
Weds. 7:45 PM
Thurs. 6:00 PM

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Sat. 11:00 AM

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This week's Swifty . . .

“It's too much trouble and costs too much to sell things on eBay,” Craig whined lessly.

Last week's Swifty: “You can use grated lemon peel to perk up any salad,” Paula Deen recommended ZESTFULLY.

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Community Events

GHI Notes

Thursday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., GHI Annual Membership Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center

Friday, May 15, 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., GHI Elections, Board Room

Sunday, May 17, noon to 3 p.m., GHI Open House, pick up map at corner of Crescent Road and Southway

Monday, May 18, 7 p.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, May 20, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, May 22, OFFICE CLOSED – Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011.

Explorations Talk On Nutrition, Wellness

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Rose Johnson on Friday, May 15. Johnson is a nutrition educator and graduate student of nutrition at the Maryland University of Integrative Health in Laurel. Her nutrition and wellness seminars are offered as a free community service through July, with the goal of helping others improve the quality of their health.

Explorations Unlimited is held on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged.

Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, May 14, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by James and Martha from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, May 15, John Guernsey plays American standards on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. The Hounds bring original songs, classic rock and real country to the Café from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, Crazy Quilt Music Festival outdoors in Roosevelt Center from noon to 8 p.m. Inside the Café, Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays jazz piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Black Masala, an Eastern European and New Orleans style brass band, closes out Crazy Quilt from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 17, the Deaf Brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The New Deal Café Annual Meeting will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone welcome. Fez Tones Hafila offers up Middle Eastern music and belly dance from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, May 18, Reel and Meal at the New Deal from 7 to 9 p.m. A vegan buffet is available for purchase from 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19, Poetry Night Open Mic from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20, the monthly Pub Quiz from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 21, Mid-Day Melodies from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, May 22, Guernsey plays American standards on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Topsy Oxcart plays eclectic Balkan music featuring originals and fresh, upbeat arrangements of urban dance tunes from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and to full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship has been funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood Booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee composed of five Boxwood Village residents will choose this year’s recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Brenda Cooley at 301-345-1388.

Co-op’s Patron Day Food, Wine Tastings

The Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy will offer wine tastings on May 15 and 22, 4 to 7 p.m., and May 27, 5 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a sample of Co-op’s selections and save 5 percent on tasting wines. Patron Appreciation Day and the Seasonal & Savory Food Demo and Wine Tasting are on May 27, 5 to 7 p.m. Staff will serve a minty green pea dip and pair it with features from Co-op’s wine department.

Visit the Co-op’s website, greenbelt.coop, for information on this month’s specials and events.



Crazy Quilt Festival Brings Music to Center

Saturday, May 16, from noon to 8 p.m., the New Deal Café will present the 14th Annual Crazy Quilt Festival in Roosevelt Center. This free outdoor concert features regional musicians performing a wide variety of music. The concert is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Art, with support from the City of Greenbelt. After 8 p.m., festival music will continue inside the Café. Visit newdealcafe.com for more details.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for May 14 through 20 are as follows:

Thursday: RSVP Luncheon – All sites closed.

Friday: Grape juice, Japanese beef stir fry, jasmine rice, wheat roll with margarine, hot spiced apples.

Monday: Apple juice, grilled chicken w/apricot mustard sauce, wild rice, broccoli and carrots, wheat bread with margarine, sliced peaches.

Tuesday: Pineapple juice, veal parmesan, garlic rotini, spinach, Italian bread with margarine, fruited cherry gelatin.

Wednesday: Senior Health and Fitness Day – All sites closed.

Send us your meeting notices or special activities for the Community Events page.

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FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Mad Max: Fury Road, in 3D**, R (!)
11:20, 4:50, 10:10
Mad Max: Fury Road, in 2D, R (!)
10:40, 12:00, 1:20, 2:10, 4:00, 6:00, 6:45, 7:30, 9:25
Pitch Perfect, PG13 (!)
11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
Hot Pursuit, PG13 (!!)
11:30, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:10
Avengers: Age of Ultron, PG13
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Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2, PG-13
4:50, 7:05, 9:20
Home, PG
11:40, 2:25


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THURSDAY

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Saturday, May 16, 2015

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Greenbelt Schools Win 1st Green Rating

Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School were among the 19 Prince George’s County public schools earning Maryland Green School certification for the first time this year. The number of new certifications is unprecedented in Prince George’s County (which averages two to three new Green Schools each year), and raises the school system’s total number of Green Schools to 37.

“I am very proud of the tremendous growth in our number of new Green Schools,” said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, chief executive officer for the school system. “These schools serve as models for environmental awareness, management and education in our communities, and encourage students to be lifelong environmental stewards.”

The Maryland Green Schools program, sponsored by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, is one of the most rigorous and comprehensive Green School certification programs in the country. It encourages educational opportunities, increases environmental awareness and promotes environmental stewardship practices for students at all grade levels. Through a non-competitive application process, schools must demonstrate their green activities and culture in eight criteria areas.

GIVES Twenty Year Celebration, Election

Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will have its annual meeting and election of officers on Saturday, June 13 in the Community Center, Room 114. GIVES will also be celebrating its twentieth anniversary. Current and prospective members are invited to come and celebrate this special event. It is also a good time for prospective members to join and get acquainted with the GIVES mission.

At the meeting, members will vote for president and secretary for the next term. GIVES members are encouraged to nominate themselves or others for these two offices. Contact Judy Ott (jottela@yahoo.com) with nominations or for further information and call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580 with questions or suggestions for agenda topics or changes in contact information.

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World of Frogs Life Cycle Explored

Friday, May 15 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, kids ages 5 to 7 can discover the fascinating world of frogs by exploring their habitat and life cycle through crafts, games and a refuge hike.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Maryland Route 197.

Botanic Garden Hosts Herb Festival

On Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden presents a festival entitled Saving and Savoring: Celebrating Endangered Species and Herbs.

Interactive displays, demonstrations and do-it-yourself stations will be featured. Representatives from the Herb Society of America, as well as organizations working with threatened and endangered species will be on hand. No pre-registration is required.

Historic Preservation Lecture at Montpelier

On Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Steven Powers will speak on aspects of Washington, D.C.’s boundary stones. Powers coordinated the effort to preserve, promote and protect the 40 sites that are home to 37 of the original stones from the 1791-1792 Andrew Ellicott survey of the city’s boundary. This lecture is free.

Call 301-377-7817; TTY 301-699-2455 or see montpelierman-sion@pgparks.com for more information.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of Pamela Joanne Schaffer, 56, of Morgan Hill, Calif., who died April 8, 2015. She was the daughter of Margaret Taylor Curtis of Morgan Hill and John A. Schaffer, Sr. of Kensington, Md., both of whom grew up in Greenbelt as children of the pioneer Phil Taylor and Al Schaffer families. A remembrance service will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church on May 24 at 4 p.m.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Thomas J. McBride, 67, who died April 22, 2015. His funeral Mass was held Wednesday, May 13 at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church.

Congratulations to:

- Hope McCalla of Greenbelt East, the owner of Hope Family Childcare, who was recently awarded National Accreditation from the National Association for Family Childcare (NAFCC). She has been providing childcare service to the City of Greenbelt for 18 years.
- Joe Harris, organizer of the Crazy Quilt Festival, and his singing partner Hillary Gottemoeller, who will be married Saturday, May 16, at Roosevelt Center, in the first wedding ever to take place at the Center. The whole town is invited to witness the historic ceremony.
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School’s Destination ImagiNation team who won the regional and state competitions and advance to the final competition in Tennessee May 21-24.

Send us your notice of births, awards and other achievements to share with your neighbors. To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland


Oldies and Classics At Community Church

There will be something to please every musical taste at a benefit concert at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, on Saturday, May 16, at 7 p.m.

The Relics, a 1960’s rock and soul cover band featuring Rick Ransom on keyboards, Doug Tull on drums, Tom Davey on guitar, Mark Granfors-Hunt on bass, and vocalists Lisa Granfors-Hunt and Keith Johnson will play all the great songs, such as My Girl, Jumpin’ Jack Flash, Me and Bobby McGee, Drift Away, Brown-Eyed Girl and You Can’t Hurry Love.

Performances by Althea Davey on vocals and flute, Samantha Scheff playing classical organ, and Jan Knutson on jazz guitar and trombone will round out the show.

All proceeds go toward a fund to redecorate the sanctuary of the church. Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ is located at Hillside and Crescent Road. There is no fee but donations will be accepted at the concert.



Octtava Piano Duo At Community Church

The Octtava Piano Duo, comprising pianists Wei-Der Huang and her friend and colleague Hsien-Ann Meng, will perform a spring concert at the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ on Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m. The performance will feature selections by Bach (Sonata #3 in F Major), Tchaikovsky (Sleeping Beauty), Ravel, Taiwanese composer Mei-Chun Chen, and Chabrier. All are invited to attend.

Christianity And...


Nietzsche: April 22
The Will to Power

Camus: May 6
Absurdity & God

Poetry: May 20
Words, Rhythm & Prayer

2015 7:30pm
at Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4212



Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.
Saturday 5-7 p.m. Cook Out UMYF



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Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

May 17, 10 a.m.
"When Grace Strikes"

Rev. Rob Keithan, with Worship Associate Van Summers;
Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration
Dayna Edwards; and the Children’s Choir



Mishkan Torah Congregation
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An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K–12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.


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make any heart to sorrow;
lest ye wound any man with your
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Baha’i Writings

Greenbelt Bahá’i Community
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greenbelt.bahai.info@gmail.com greenbeltbahais.org



Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor




ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe



At the Library

Every Hero Has a Story is the 2015 Summer Reading Program theme for all children from infancy through high school. Did you know that children who read at least 20 minutes a day during the summer months perform better in school than those who do not? Summer is the perfect time to explore books and reading. Here's how:

Sign up for Summer@Your Library from May 15 through August 15 and get a game board. The first 3,500 students to register will receive a free t-shirt. Sign up at any Prince George's County library.

Complete activities to earn a prize and enter to win the grand prize drawing for electronics, event tickets and more.

Go to pgcmpls.info to find out more. Come by and join the festivities!

Knit and Crochet

Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of knitting and crocheting. If possible, please bring your own materials due to limited supplies. No experience required.

Lecture Series

Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m. Black Genealogy 101. This audio-visual lecture series is presented by historian C.R. Gibbs. The final session of the season will be presented on May 26.

Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. Robert M. Edsel's Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History. Join the library's adult book discussion of this renowned novel. Copies of the book may be available at the library's information desk through May 18.

Storytimes

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Infants and Toddlers Program, Preschool Storytime, ages 3 to 5. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

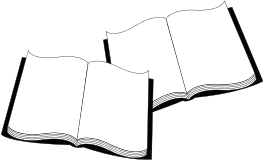
Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., Baby Storytime, ages 1 to 2.

Thursdays, 2:15 p.m., Toddler Storytime, ages 2 to 3.

Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and more. Pick up free tickets at the information desk for these events.

Read to Rover

Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11 to help them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially-trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the library at 301-345-5800 for more information.



Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday
10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18-22

Monday, May 18 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION-Green Ridge House at Green Ridge House**, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road,

Thursday, May 21 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD** at Schrom Hills Park, Community Meeting Room, Hanover Parkway.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

FOSTERING KITTENS WORKSHOP



Saturday, May 16 from 11am -1pm
Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road
RSVP <https://www.facebook.com/events/830236273725291/>

Learn how to care for the very young kittens that come into the shelter. Register to become one of the kitten nursery team! We would like to teach those interested in becoming kitten mommies and daddies to help the shelter save more lives during this kitten season. You must attend a training in order to become a foster for kittens.

REMINDER: SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN THE PLAZA AREA OF ROOSEVELT CENTER

City Council approved a smoking prohibition in the “plaza” area at Roosevelt Center. Council defined the no smoking area as the rectangle between the Mother and Child statue and the underpass. It should be noted that merchants have “control” over a 3 foot area from their storefront so whether or not to allow smoking in this area would be their call.

BE AWARE OF TICKS!

This past winter's weather was ideal for ticks, so they will be abundant in the outdoors. Please dress appropriately when outdoors, especially in the woods. Walk in the center of trails.

After you come indoors:

- Check your clothing for ticks. Placing clothes into a dryer on high heat for at least an hour kills ticks.
- Shower soon after being outdoors
- Check your body for ticks. This includes under arms, in and around the ears, inside belly button, back of the knees, in and around the hair, between the legs, and around the waist

SAVE THE DATE...

- **May 23: Outdoor Pool Opens**
- **May 29: Grand Re-Opening of the Greenbelt Theatre**
- **June 6 from 9am-12pm: Rescheduled Shredding Day in the Roosevelt Center Parking Lot**
- **June 6 from 10am-2pm: Pet Expo Block Party at the Greenbelt Dog Park, 7201 Hanover Drive**
- **June 6 & 7: Greenbelt Day Weekend...info coming soon.**

More info soon at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Public Works Open House 2015



SATURDAY, MAY 16
10am-2pm
Public Works
555 Crescent Road

- BUCKET TRUCK
- WORK TRUCKS
- DEMONSTRATIONS

- GREEN TEAM
- RECYCLING INFO
- AND MUCH MORE!

- REFRESHMENTS
- EQUIPMENT
- GREEN HOUSE

Great Family Event!

City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation
Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301)397-2212

Celebration of Spring
Saturday, May 16th
2:00pm - 6:00pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center



FREE

- Live Music** (The N2N Band)
- Arts & Crafts**
- Xbox and PlayStation**
- Game Tents**
- Magician**
- Community Info Tables**
- Inflatables**
- Girl Scout Activities**
- Free Snow Cones,**
- Cotton Candy and**
- Popcorn**

RAIN OR SHINE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 301.397.2200



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A Better, Safer Way to Conduct Your Online/In Person Transactions

The Greenbelt Police Department welcomes the public to our police station to complete their legal online transactions in a safer way. The public can take advantage of our Department's lobby or close exterior to meet with others and finalize their online transactions in person. Our public lobby is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is available to you.

The Greenbelt Police Department police station is located at 550 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.
For more information: Mathews at 240-542-2116 or at gmathews@greenbeltmd.gov.

Creating Your Individual Aging In Place Plan

Wednesday, May 20, 1-3pm Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road.

Join Community Resource Advocate, Christal Batey as she takes you through an Aging in Place planning exercise. Examine your future needs and determine gaps in resources in order to create a forecast of tasks that you can accomplish and identify areas in which you may need assistance in order to age in place. Learn about: Housing, Health and Wellness, Personal Finance, Transportation, Community and Social Interaction and Education and Entertainment.

Seating is limited. Call 301-345-6660 to register.

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the Underwater Egg Hunt at the Aquatic and Fitness Center with 120 participants, a continued partnership with Pathway Schools to host their Young Entrepreneurship program and participation with Eleanor Roosevelt High School in its Read On program.

Demographics

Included in the information packet for the meeting were three pages of demographic information on recreation participants in 2014. There were 6,837 users during the year, according to the report. Of those, 48 percent were under 20 and 12 percent were over 65. Of the 4,532 participant households, 59 percent were located within the city; most of the remainder were in nearby communities.

At 5 percent each, College Park and Lanham led the representation from other communities. In 2013, there were 6,087 users and 4,418 households participating, with a 57 percent Greenbelt participation. While many programs are available to non-residents, there is usually a higher fee charged.

Pool Operation

It was noted that attendance at the Aquatic and Fitness Center was down slightly from the previous year, with 129,380 estimated for the current fiscal year. McNeal said that attendance would probably drop further in FY16 because the indoor pool will be temporarily closed due to installation of a new roof and some other refurbishment. He told council that the department planned to keep the outdoor pool open beyond Labor Day, its normal closing time, until September 25 to accommodate serious swimmers who would normally use the indoor pool.

This will affect the scheduling of the Pooch Plunges, he said, which have become popular after-Labor-Day events for dog owners. There were some expressions by council to keep the outdoor pool open beyond Labor Day on a regular basis.

McLaughlin told council that in addition to the roof replacement, which will make the indoor pool more attractive and energy efficient, there was \$30,000 budgeted for repairs such as grout work.

McNeal said that an American Disabilities Act-approved hydraulic lift authorized for purchase this year will be installed shortly.

Survey

Also made available at the meeting was a tabulation of answers to a customer satisfaction survey conducted in early February with questions being passed out to customers at the Aquatic and Fitness Center and also put on line. Facility members and class users were notified of the survey by email. There were 139 responses, all but 19 submitted on line.

The results indicated general satisfaction, with most responses to the questions asked indicating that the facilities staff and operations met or exceeded the users' expectations. The highest rating was given to staff being prompt, reliable and friendly. Only three percent expressed some dissatisfaction.

Only in three of the 14 questions posed did more than 10 percent of users express dissatisfaction – customer service in

the fitness wing (13 percent), maintenance and cleanliness of the fitness wing (10 percent) and maintenance and cleanliness of the locker rooms (22 percent).

Of the respondents, none used the pool after 6 p.m. with use during the rest of the day fairly evenly divided. Eight percent of the respondents used the facility daily and 30 percent used it four to five times a week. Of the 214 respondents, 44 percent primarily used the pool, 21 percent primarily used a treadmill, 16 percent mainly rode bikes and 19 percent used the weight machines.

Other Comments

Respondents also had the opportunity to make comments and many did. At the pool, several suggested that the city provide swim suit dryers. At the fitness center there were a number of requests for free weights and for new or upgraded machines. Individual suggestions were for Wi-Fi in the fitness center, television viewing for bike machine users and a steam room.

There were also several comments in the report about nudity in the ladies locker room. One said that she had been harassed by two older women for being naked. Another commented that she didn't want her young daughters to see elderly women in the nude. There were no similar comments from the men.

The greatest number of comments related to maintenance; some noted dirty areas, some said repairs were needed and one complained about the use of certain cleaning chemicals to which some people have allergic reactions. There were a number of complaints as well about a shower or showers not working. One woman complained about smelling urine regularly in one area of the pool.

McNeal noted that new exercise equipment is being ordered. He also said staff is exploring how free weight use might be accommodated.

One woman complained about her son not being permitted to use rings provided at the pool while another person brought rings for her children to use and was not prevented from doing so.

Councilmember Silke Pope noted the No Toy policy and thought that rule ought to be reconsidered. It gets boring when a young child can only be pulled through the water by a mother, she said.

Putens agreed with her. McNeal said staff is considering having a splash pool.

Fees

Staff also provided fee comparisons for use of recreational facilities among local jurisdictions. In general, the city's user fees are comparable or lower. A similar survey was made of summer camp fees. Also provided were data about past increases. Staff is increasing fees for some programs this summer, in part because of increased wage expenses.

Questions and Comments

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked about the ability to hire qualified staff. McNeal noted that a salary survey for lifeguards is being done. He noted difficulty in finding qualified people and that many employers

are competing for lifeguards.

In response to complaints made about the indoor pool temperatures, McNeal advised that the desired pool temperature is 83 degrees and 85 for the wading pool. He said that in winter that is not always possible to maintain. He expects that the new better-insulated pool roof and new duct work will help the situation.

Varda said that Springhill Lake Elementary School will not host a summer playground this year because of maintenance work to be done. When asked about the use of Greenbelt Middle School or the French Immersion School, he said that they had not been available for city use in the past. He noted that summer camp registration was not successful in Greenbelt West, but that drop-in programs at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center were successful.

The free Moonlit Movies series instituted last year while the theater was closed for renovation was quite successful with more showings added. The program will continue this summer at four different locations even though the theater has reopened.

Councilmember Leta Mach commended staff for posting playground information on the city's website. She noted, however, that it is difficult for those concerned about the kind of surface material used to determine which playgrounds had what kind of surface. She suggested a listing of surface materials used in each playground.

Staff Levels

The budget proposes no change in classified staff positions, but provides for an added quarter-time position to provide assistance to the music and theater programs offered. Council made no comments.

Herling advocated greater rental use of the Community Center during weekdays. McNeal noted that most senior programs occur then and that there are also day camps during the summer.

Mayor Emmett Jordan felt that an estimated average of 30 a day using the skateboard park was high. McNeal admitted it was only an estimate, but noted that usage is higher during summer months.

Putens and Pope expressed concern about lack of visibility of park rangers. Putens noted an Attick Park user hauling a cooler of beer out of the park and Pope said that dog park users had never seen a ranger present.

McNeal said there are two part-time employees. He noted that the rangers' duties are to engage the public and visit all parks. If they see a violation, they are to advise the violator of city regulations. If there is non-compliance, then they are to notify the police as they do not undertake enforcement activities.

McLaughlin told council that a request of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the department to consider offering youth sports programs would be added to the list of management objectives.

Mach urged the placement of more signs advising park users that personal barbeque grills are not permitted in the parks.

Councilmember Rodney Rob-

erts expressed concern that not enough maintenance of wooden fixtures in the Community Center is taking place and that damage is occurring. He said that it is the wood that makes the building distinctive.

Davis Proposals

Councilmember Judith Davis noted that she will be away for the final budget worksession. She presented council with her recommendations for amending the proposed budget. She listed a total of \$345,000 in either additional revenues or reduced expenditure needs that McLaughlin has identified and proposed a list of 17 additional budget increases to utilize these extra funds. It included adding an economic development director for the second half of the year plus added funding for economic development, making a Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) case worker a full time position, renovating the animal shelter, providing Toughbooks and body cameras for the police, adding \$173,000 for capital projects and \$20,000 for equipment replacement.

Jordan expressed regret that Davis would not be attending the final budget worksession at which the council makes its decisions on budget changes.

Patuxent Programs On Saturday, May 30

Join a bird walk on Saturday, May 30 from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. at the North Tract of the Patuxent Research Refuge. Search for birds in several habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. This program is for all ages.

Herp Search

Saturday, May 30 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract, join a refuge naturalist on a guided search for reptiles and amphibians. Wear good walking shoes. This program is for all ages.

Night Hike

On Saturday, May 30 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. those ages 5 and older can discover the nighttime world of the Patuxent Research Refuge while looking and listening for nocturnal animals on this guided walk.

Public programs at the refuge are free, although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Maryland Route 32. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.

Bird Walk

The Patuxent Research Refuge will hold bird walks on Wednesday, May 27 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. (for ages 16 and up) and on Sunday, May 31 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. (for ages 8 and up). Search for spring migrants and nesting birds in various refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. Meet at the National Wildlife Visitor Center.

Public programs at the refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Maryland Route 197.

Join Trail Crew at Greenbelt Park

Volunteer at Greenbelt Park and join the trail crew on Saturday, May 16 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. The trail crew helps improve the trail system within Greenbelt Park.

All volunteers need to pre-register by calling 301-344-3948. Greenbelt Park's entrance is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Kenilworth Avenue.

Micro-House Tour May 30

Residents who are perplexed with how to live within their homes' small footprints and need more inspiration can expect to have their minds blown through a tour of micro houses that inspire thinking small in order to live large.

This free tour organized by Greenbelt Homes, Inc.'s (GHI) Membership Committee will explore several spaces, including an in-progress student 140 sq. ft. house, a 288 sq. ft. workspace/shed, a 210 sq. ft. home and outdoor landscaping designed for micro lifestyles.

The tour will be led by Brian Levy, a leader at Micro Showcase (MicroShowcase.com). Carpools will leave from GHI Headquarters on 1 Hamilton Place at 9:30 a.m. sharp on May 30 to journey down to the showcase, with the tour to end by noon. Space is limited to the first 30 registered individuals. Interested participants must respond by May 23 to thinksmall-GHI@gmail.com.

This event is the kick-off of a larger campaign, Live Large/Think Small, to celebrate the creativity and freedom of small space living in a GHI home through tours, sharing of space-saving ideas, organizational tips and other resources.

Botanic Garden Talk Takes a Look at Weeds

On Friday, May 22 from noon to 1 p.m., the U.S. Botanic Garden will host a lecture, Rooting Out or Rooting For Weeds, by Dr. Lena Struwe, director of the Rutgers University Chrysler Herbarium.

What are weeds good for and where did they come from? These common plants have evolved closely with human civilization and provide joy, pains, problems, medicines, and food for humans worldwide. In this talk the evolution of weediness in plants will be explored, as well as society's views on the good and bad aspects of weeds in urban, suburban and rural areas.

Note that while this event is free, pre-registration is required. Visit usbg.gov to register.

County Holds Family Animal Festival

The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation invites the public to a free A-May-Zing Animal Fest on Saturday, May 16 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road. The event features birds of prey, reptiles, farm animals, a puppet show, food and arts and crafts.

For more information call 301-779-0371; TTY 301-699-2544.

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Other Projects – miscellaneous concrete repairs (\$40,000), Greenbrook trails (\$16,000), construction of adult fitness area at Schrom Hills Park (\$106,700), a bus shelter (\$5,000), Lakewood Stream Valley bridges (\$12,000) and signage at the city’s gateway on Southway, part of an overall Gateway Signage Plan (\$20,000).

The budget book also contains a long list of unfunded capital projects ranging from larger maintenance projects such as roof and floor replacements and upgrading street lights to much larger projects such as dredging Greenbelt Lake and the next phase of renovation at the theater. However, McLaughlin requested approval to remove some items from the list, including expansion of the Municipal Building, the Northway Master Plan and raising the roof at the Youth Center, as he did not see the city being able to undertake those projects over the next few years. Councilmember Judith Davis objected to removing the Northway Master Plan and Councilmember Leta Mach wanted to keep the Youth Center roof project. Councilmember Rodney Roberts supported removal of the Youth Center and Municipal Building projects.

Southway Playground

Councilmembers asked about a project not on the list: resurfacing the playground at 1 Court Southway. It currently has shredded rubber fill. To replace this fill with poured-in-place rubber surfacing, as discussed at the January 12 council meeting, would cost the city up to \$83,700 with an additional expenditure of \$40,000 for new equipment since once the surface is installed, equipment cannot be moved or replaced without damaging it.

Replacing the shredded rubber with engineered wood fiber would cost up to \$19,500.

Davis, Mach and Roberts all wanted the shredded rubber replaced. Mach pushed for the

poured-in-place option, calling installation of wood fiber a waste of money.

McLaughlin expects that the city will receive additional money from the State Highway User Fund, which is not reflected in the budget as drafted.

Building Reserves

The Building Capital Reserve Fund sets aside funds for replacing major systems in city facilities. The major projects proposed to be funded under this account in FY16 are HVAC improvements at the Community Center (\$395,000) and a new roof for the Aquatics and Fitness Center (\$690,000). McLaughlin proposed using Program Open Space funds to cover 75 percent of these costs.

2001 Bond Fund

This fund is in an unusual state. It has been in the red since at least Fiscal Year 2013. McLaughlin proposes to transfer \$300,000 from the General Fund towards the deficit, leaving it nearly \$850,000 in the hole. The major projects completed using the proceeds of the 2001 bond issue were Greenbelt East traffic calming (\$499,000), Public Works facility (\$5 million, \$2 million over budget) and theater renovation (\$1.3 million estimated in the current fiscal year). Interestingly, nearly all the expenditures on the theater were made after the fund had been depleted. The Fiscal Year 2014 deficit was roughly \$400,000 and Fiscal Year 2015 expenditures on the theater project pushed that deficit up to more than \$1.1 million despite the application of \$547,500 in grants and other revenues to this account.

There was little discussion of this account. McLaughlin proposed that council meet in the fall to discuss what to do about this deficit.

Greenbelt West

The Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund accounts for public improvements to be funded by negotiated contributions from Greenbelt West Developers. The

account is projected to have a balance of \$1.3 million at the end of the current fiscal year. No additional revenues are anticipated to be budgeted in FY16, although an additional contribution by the developers will be required when the building permits are issued for the North Core.

Three projects are listed for this fund in FY16: Cherrywood Lane streetscape (\$10,000), public recreation facilities (\$50,000) and old middle school programs (\$200,000).

This last item led to some heated discussion among the councilmembers. It would be used to renovate classrooms “if a decision is made to use the classrooms.”

Councilmember Silke Pope urged reallocating these funds elsewhere. She doubted that space in the former middle school building would ever become available. Davis was unwilling to move these funds until they got an answer from the school board as to whether the space would be available and council met to discuss it. Mach was agreeable to leaving the funds in place until the city gets a firm answer from the school board, pointing out that a citizens’ group spent years working on a proposal for use of the space.

Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Konrad Herling also doubted that the program would ever come to fruition. McLaughlin reminded council that the funds could only be used in Greenbelt West under the terms of the agreement under which they were provided. In the end, the project remained in the budget, pending further discussion.

The Bus

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We Celebrate Elaine Skolnik

The following is part of a series of vignettes about Elaine Skolnik written by her friends and colleagues over the years. They celebrate the 60-plus years Elaine has been on the staff as president of the board of directors, reporter and news editor of the Greenbelt News Review. The News Review will honor Elaine at a luncheon at the Greenbelt Marriott on Saturday, May 30. See ad below for information on how to attend the luncheon.

Commitment to Community

Although Greenbelt has many wonderful resources, its greatest resource is the people who work hard to make Greenbelt great. For the 22 years we have lived here, we have admired the persistent, patient commitment to this community of our friend Elaine Skolnik Nicholson. [Elaine married Victor Nicholson several years after Al died.] She has devoted herself to making Greenbelt a nice place to live.

Elaine, in her quiet, friendly way, has become a role model for good citizenship. She works so hard for Greenbelt that it prompts all of us to ask ourselves how we can serve the community. And, as many of us can attest, when Elaine needs help, for the News Review or any other community project, her friends and admirers are there to back her up. How can we do less when she does so much?

No news of import to Greenbelt escapes Elaine’s notice. And, if she doesn’t know about it, she can find out. Any builder or developer with plans in Greenbelt will sooner or later have to answer Elaine’s careful, detailed questions.

Although Elaine has been awarded an official title as one of Greenbelt’s “Outstanding Citizens,” we believe she also, in the finest sense, deserves to be called, “Elaine Skolnik Nicholson—A Great Lady of Greenbelt.”

*Written by Gil and Micki Weidenfeld.
Gil is a former mayor of Greenbelt*

City Notes

Animal Control staff report one injured dog was found at Greenbelt Lake, one cat was removed from a van engine, one cat was found running at large at the Greenbelt Baptist Church, and one dog was adopted.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crew worked on Breezewood Drive to remove a concrete island of curb and replaced it with black-top, cleaned beaver debris out of pipes at Buddy Attick Park and hauled more concrete from Northway Field to the recycling center.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability staff reports 295 people attended the April electronics recycling event.

Facilities Maintenance crew repaired the marquee at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Aquatic and Fitness Center staff reports the temperature of the indoor pool water seems to have been resolved with it currently hovering around 83-84 degrees.

All third-grade students from Greenbelt Elementary School visited the Community Center for an arts field trip, enjoying drama, dance workshops and visual arts programs to help them prepare for their presentation on Egypt at the school’s multicultural night.

Free Entry to Museums For Military Personnel

The Prince George’s County Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Blue Star Museum program, is offering free entry to six of its museums to military personnel from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Participating museums are College Park Aviation Museum, Darnall’s Chance House Museum, Marietta House Museum, Montpelier Mansion, Riversdale House Museum and Surratt House Museum.

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surface, is durable and can be easily cleaned. It is designed for the purpose and is different from Astro Turf.

According to Craze, dogs seem to be happy using it for all the various activities for which dogs use grass.

The good news is that the \$25,000 item, which had also included the cost of replacing all the shelter cat cages, could be reduced to \$15,000 since the cat cages were recently donated to the city by PetSmart.

Other Criticism

The shelter yard is not the only dog facility that has recently come up for criticism. Greenbelt dogs had another day earlier in the month, when at the April 13 regular council meeting a resident made a request for the city to undertake needed maintenance work to the city dog park off Hanover Parkway.

Councilmember Silke Pope asked if the K-9 turf proposed for the shelter could be extended to the dog park, which also has problems with drainage and surfacing. Craze said that would be considerably more expensive because of the size of the area. There would also be grading and preparation costs in addition to the turf and installation.

Pope encouraged keeping the dog park in mind and perhaps joining fundraising efforts with the shelter. Several times during the meeting, she expressed concern about letting necessary maintenance slide on the shelter or the dog park. She said the fee structure for the dog park should be revisited to make the facility more self-sustaining. She also said there should be a way to do the maintenance routinely rather than waiting for residents to raise issues of unsafe or otherwise undesirable conditions.

McLaughlin responded that that has been the intent of having the Building Capital Reserve Fund but that with pressures on the budget for the last eight years, some items have been dealt with more on a pay-as-you-go basis.

WAGS Volunteers

Asked by Jordan what she would consider the main achievements for the year for the shelter, Craze said shelter volunteers from WAGS have organized themselves to take over some specific jobs and special events organization from staff, which frees staff up for other duties.

WAGS, now a 501(c)3 PetSmart charity, can accept tax-deductible donations. Overall, the shelter has 200 trained volunteers, about 30 of whom are actively involved.

Another achievement Craze cited was the award of the \$7,500 no-cost, spay-neuter grant from the Maryland Department of Agriculture, the second largest grant awarded in that cycle. An initiative of the Four Cities Coalition (Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights, New Carrollton), the program is targeted at lower-income pet owners. Craze said that although getting the program up and running has been time-intensive, running it is not. Because many applicants are qualifying on a number of different income-related criteria, she believes it would be worthwhile to keep the program going by applying to renew the funding later this year.

Cleaning the Shelter

Considerable discussion was given to the most cost-effective way of cleaning the interior of the shelter, which is currently done by the animal control officers in the process of doing other animal care tasks. In a larger jurisdiction, officers and the people running the shelter and doing the daily care of the animals would not be the same individuals.

In Greenbelt’s smaller program, staff are not specialized, and the cleaning and care functions take up time that officers might otherwise use to be on the street and available to take calls.

Various solutions were suggested, ranging from hiring staff in Public Works or using contract cleaning staff to do less specialized cleaning tasks. Pope also urged that exterior cleaning be put on a regular schedule with Public Works.

Craze said animal control officers are spending six hours per day cleaning the shelter and caring for the animals. She suggested that although having a dedicated cleaning person for the shelter would be good, it might be a better use of resources to expand the time of the half-time control officer, which would reduce cleaning time overall.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said it did not make sense to him that trained staff should be spending more than half the day cleaning. He asked why volunteers could not run the shelter, leaving the animal control officers to spend their time on the street or responding to calls.

Craze said she had never seen a shelter run by volunteers. There is always a paid core professional staff, she said. She added that volunteers are used to assist and fill gaps but do not assume major administrative or animal care responsibilities.

A number of the WAGS members in the audience spoke to urge council to support the request for funding to renovate the shelter yard area. They did not mince words and they also brought photos. Michele Touchet, chair of WAGS, described the yard as “filthy, dirty and disgusting.” She said none of the volunteers want to go out there.

Enrichment Programs

Kris White said she has been researching enrichment programs for animals in shelter situations, who are inevitably under stress. She said having a good play area is essential to their well-being. With regard to the dog park, she said although she had been part of the original Dog Park Association, she does not take her dog there now because of her concerns about the safety of the fence.

Katrina Boverman commented on the impression that the exterior of the shelter presents to people interested in adopting. Contrasting the effort the city puts into having its other buildings attractive and landscaped, she asked the council to take more pride in the shelter and its staff and to “treat it as though it’s a city facility.”

Dr. Laura Kressler, a veterinarian who volunteers with the shelter, said the condition of the shelter yard will promote parasite and skin infections, which potentially can affect the dogs, the volunteers and the staff.

Moreover, since the dirt and mud is brought into the shelter from the yard when animals and people go in and out, the outdoor risks can be brought inside, obviously increasing both medical and cleaning costs. She noted that playing on gravel in the front of the building is drier and cleaner but that playing on gravel is not safe for dogs either and is not a solution.

Overtime Possibility

Turning to the animal control budget itself, Councilmember Judith Davis asked if the overtime pay in the budget was just a need for additional staffing or whether that need could be addressed in some other way. Craze answered that, at the request of the city manager, she had analyzed the overtime. Since most of it occurs because the facility must remain open on holidays and snow days when the city is closed, this involves paying time-and-a-half. Weekend events held by the shelter also involve overtime pay.

In other respects, Craze said, they are discussing changing their operations. One example is that when the shelter has nursing kittens without a nursing mother available, the staff has bottle-fed them. Craze said they have decided not to continue to accrue overtime to hand-feed kittens and hope to find volunteers to take this on. If that plan does not work, she said, it may be necessary to euthanize.

Wild Animals

It was noted that the number of injured wild animals being transported had increased significantly. Craze explained that is because the city is now partnering with Second Chance in Gaithersburg, which takes all animal control’s injured wild animals in exchange for an annual donation. She said this partnership is working very well since trying to locate sanctuaries available to receive animals on a more ad hoc basis was quite time-consuming.

Pointing out that this has been the eighth year of the feral cats program, Davis said some city residents believe the program is a waste of time and money. She asked Craze to address its progress.

Craze described the city’s program as “trap, neuter and return.” Usually, she said, the reason areas have colonies of feral cats is that someone is putting out food for them. Since feral cats are neither trainable nor adoptable, they are captured, neutered, given a rabies shot, notched to identify them and then returned to the colony.

She said the program has definitely been successful. Most colonies are now down to three cats from an average of 12 or more. Complaints from residents are also down, she said. There is a natural attrition within seven years since the average lifespan of a feral cat is seven to eight years. At the present time, she added, colonies with higher numbers are behind Beltway Plaza and in Greenbelt East adjacent to Chelsea Woods.

Other Issues

Following the discussion of the animal control program, council reviewed the community development, traffic control and planning portions of the budget.

Asked about the status of vacant houses, Craze said that al-

though code enforcement is to a certain extent still playing catch-up with the increased monitoring of foreclosed and vacant housing begun in December, this effort is going well. The goal is to determine and maintain contact with whoever owns or is managing the property to make sure it is acceptably maintained. The pace of rental inspections has been lowered to provide time for doing that, she said.

Council discussed problems that have existed with workload in the department, which is now somewhat alleviated with the filling of positions that have been vacant. The availability of new technology has also been explored with the goal of increasing efficiency and improving the tracking and monitoring of cases in code enforcement. For example, new cloud-based false alarm software will enable automation of many tasks, with significant reduction in staff time. Similarly, extending the code enforcement data base management system into the field will eventually reduce time and paperwork, as well as improve the quality of information.

Organ Recital Marks Walker's Retirement

On Sunday, May 17 at 4 p.m., John Walker will give a free organ recital at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, College Park in honor of the retirement of Dr. Dale Krider. Following the recital there will be a gala reception in the parish hall to honor Krider, who will retire at the end of May as organist and choirmaster at St. Andrew’s. Previously, he served as organist and choirmaster at the Hyattsville First United Methodist Church and the Riverdale Presbyterian Church. For several years he also was organist at the Takoma Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Bird Walk May 21 At Lake Artemesia

On Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m., the Prince George’s Audubon Society will host a free guided bird walk at Lake Artemesia to observe migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other birds. The paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and along Indian Creek.

All are welcome and no reservations are required. Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. Binoculars are suggested. For more information call 301-509-2212.

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in some youths seeking out the larger clubs. The county has also changed its fee for insurance from \$30 per member to \$30 per member per sport played. He said some clubs have dropped out of the county organization.

Membership

Greenbelt residents compose 95 percent of the club’s membership. The membership fee is \$165 a year and the member can participate in up to three sports, provided the sport schedules don’t conflict with each other. Howard has received requests from single-sport member parents that they should be charged a lower fee, but he points out the fee for one-sport membership in other county clubs is \$160; Greenbelt has the lowest member fee. The club gives scholarships in the form of lower fees to families with low income or who have multiple children in the program and uses part of the city contribution to cover the unfunded expenditure costs.

Most of the participation is from youths ages 8 to 11, Howard said. Most older children participate in high school athletics. He said that there is poor club participation from the Franklin Park area.

Goals for the club include getting more volunteer participation. Howard noted he has been president for four years because no one else was available but he has expectations for someone else taking the task on. The club is also working on straightening out its tax exempt status. Howard said that there is one organization prepared to donate a sizable sum and another wanting to sponsor a team once the tax status is cleared up.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if the club is dedicated to helping the kids who are not team stars. Howard noted that there is an AAA and an AA basketball league and coaches in the AA league are instructed to use all players. He noted that some coaches and team members were unhappy about that but other members and parents complain if their child is not permitted to play.

Councilmember Judith Davis commended the club for its enthusiastic participation in the last Labor Day Festival parade. Howard said he expects the club to operate a food booth at the festival again this year.

Howard also gave kudos to the Recreation Department saying that it provided the club “with the best support possible.”

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Effective June 1, 2015 the Display Ads will have new deadlines and the Display Ad desk will have new hours.
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Book Club to Discuss Women’s Nonfiction

A discussion of literary nonfiction by women will be held by the College Park Arts Exchange Book Club on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House. The book to be discussed May 19 is *Are You My Mother?*, a graphic novel memoir by Alison Bechdel, a 2014 recipient of a MacArthur Foundation “genius award.”

The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road, College Park (corner of Knox and Dartmouth Rds., near the Metro). Parking passes may be obtained at the door.

CPAE Photography Club Meets May 19

Photography buffs who want to participate in The Underexposed, the photography club sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE), may attend meetings on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 19. For more information, visit facebook.com/groups/photo20740.

Whooping Crane Tours and Talks

On Sundays, May 17, 24 and 31 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., guided tours will be held at the Whooping Crane Observatory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center for those ages 14 and above. The tours are free, but advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.

On Saturdays, May 16, 23 and 30 at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, crane experts will discuss their experiences and challenges while assisting with recovery efforts for one of North America’s most endangered birds. Presentations begin at 1:30 p.m.; no registration is required for this program. More details about the speakers can be found at friendsofpatuxent.org/images/Calendar-MWCM_2015.pdf.

For more information about the Patuxent Research Refuge, visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore Washington Parkway and Maryland Route 197.

Greenbriar Residents Elect New Board

The following individuals have been elected to the board of directors at Greenbriar.

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Two Breast Cancer Support Groups

On Tuesday, May 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will hold breast cancer support groups for men and women. The group for male caregivers, facilitated by men whose loved ones are breast cancer survivors, will be on the 5th floor of the North Building at 8100 Good Luck Road. The second group, for women who are newly diagnosed or recovering from breast cancer, will meet on the 4th floor.

Call to receive a free breast care educational brochure. Registration for either group is required by calling 301-324-4968.

Free Diabetes Support Group

Doctors Community Hospital will hold a free diabetes support group on Monday, May 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8100 Good Luck Road on the 5th floor of the North Building.

For more information or to register call 301-324-4968.

Best of Maryland Preservation Awards

Since 1985, Preservation Maryland has presented awards to individuals and organizations for contributions to preserving Maryland’s rich, authentic and diverse heritage. On May 21 from 6 to 9 p.m., the organization will honor 13 awardees for excellent projects in historic preservation, architecture, community engagement and education from across the state. A Community Choice Award will be presented to Friends of Greenbelt Theatre. The event will take place at Dye House at Mount Washington Mill, 1340 Smith Ave., Baltimore.

For details, visit bestofmaryland.org. Hashtags: #preservemd and #bestofmaryland.

Women’s Heart Support Group

On Tuesday, May 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will provide educational information to women while encouraging them to make well-educated and heart-healthy decisions. To register, call 301-324-4968.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

DWI/DUI

April 26, 8:30 p.m., Ora Glen Drive near Hanover Parkway. A 66-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with alcohol- and other traffic-related charges during investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

April 30, 12:24 a.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A 27-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after she attempted to engage in a fight with another patron at T.G.I. Friday's. She was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

April 30, 9:18 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Lane. A cab driver reported that after he picked up his fare at the Greenbelt Metro Station and drove him to the 6000 block of Cherrywood Lane, the man tried to pay him with what he believed to be a counterfeit bill. The man said that he would go to his residence to get money but never returned. He is described as a 25 to 30-year-old black man, 5'2", 150 to 160 pounds, with short brown hair and a goatee, wearing black jeans and a black shirt under a white jacket.

May 2, 10 a.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. Two cell phones, credit cards and a car key were taken after three lockers were forced open at LA Fitness.

May 4, 3:30 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Unattended bags of produce were taken from the hallway of an apartment building.

Burglary

April 29, 11 p.m., 6500 block Lake Park Drive. A television, video game player and a laptop computer were taken from a residence.

April 30, 7 a.m., 11 Court

Police Seek Help With Missing Person

The Greenbelt Police Department is seeking assistance in locating a critical missing person. Kiera Dajanae Patrice Richardson is a black female, 5'9", 180 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. Richardson, 15, suffers from seizures; she left her home in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive on April 29. Anyone with information regarding this matter is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

Ridge Road. A vacant residence was entered by breaking out a window.

May 2, 12:10 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A witness reported that she observed two older youths exit the bedroom window of a vacant apartment and flee on foot. One of them is described as black, 14 to 18 years old, 5'6", 145 pounds, wearing a blue flannel shirt and light-colored blue jeans. The other is described as Latino with hair in a short bush, wearing a tan shirt with a black stripe down the middle and blue jeans.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen. A red 2007 Dodge Caravan with New Hampshire tags 2721293 was taken from 17 Court Ridge Road and a red 1997 Nissan Pathfinder pickup with Maryland tags A272846 was taken from the 6200 block Breezewood Court.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 7800 block Walker Drive (iPad), 9100 block Edmonston Terrace (two MD tags 7BN5686) and 100 block Periwinkle Court (money). Vandalism was reported in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace; two tires were punctured.

Reel and Meal: Racism and Healing

On Monday, May 18, Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café will focus on racism in the U.S., the recent events in Baltimore and how we can work toward racial healing in the 21st century. The free show starts at 7 p.m., and an optional vegan buffet (for a cost) begins at 6:30 p.m.

Rather than screen a feature-length documentary, short clips of multiple voices will be shown through YouTube, Vimeo and Vine. Robert Zachary, from Asheville, N. Car., will lead the discussion.

Born in Anniston, Ala., in 1949, Zachary has been a foot soldier in the civil rights movement for more than five decades.. It was the fire-bombing of the Greyhound-Trailways Bus in his hometown on Mother's Day 1961 that ignited a life-long determination to go forth for the causes of justice and freedom. He met Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1965, when King came to Anniston to speak at the 17th Street Baptist Church. Zachary had family members who crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge 50 years ago as part of Bloody Sunday. Recently, he returned to Alabama to commemorate the anniversary. He'll show a short film on his travels back to the deep south for the somber occasion.

Zachary is an activist, veteran, chaplain, educational consultant and vegetarian who combines life, music, poetry, history and storytelling in his presentations.

For more information, contact Cam MacQueen, worldisvegan@aol.com.

Reel and Meal is a monthly vegan dinner and documentary series in collaboration with three Greenbelt groups concerned with social justice, environmental and animal rights issues – Green Vegan Networking, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition.

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Ridge Courts 1-28, Crescent Courts 1-10, Westway Courts 1-2, Southway Courts 1-11, & 2 Court Gardenway

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA



GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Thursday, May 21, 2015

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Certification of Election
- Board Reorganization & Election of Officers
- Designation of GDC Stockholders
- Appointment of Member Complaints Panels
- Code of Ethics Acknowledgement
- Board Meeting Procedures
- Further Questions to be Answered Regarding the Homes Improvement Program:
 - o Scope of H.I.P. Improvements for Additions
 - o Disposition of Member Loans at Unit Resale
 - o Should Prepayment of Loans Made to Members be Allowed?
 - o Should Members be Allowed to Opt-out of Required Items?
 - o How Much GHI Funds Could be Utilized as Loans for Crawlspace Improvements and Optional Items?
- Schedule Stakeholder Meeting with City of Greenbelt
- Summer & Fall Meeting Schedule
- Contract for 2015 Parking Lot Repairs, 1st Reading
- Contract for 2015 Underground Utility Repairs, 1st Reading
- Contract for Repairs to 20D Ridge Road, 1st Reading
- Contract for Consultant Arborist, 2nd Reading
- Contract for Supply of Electricity for GHI Accounts, 2nd Reading

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Request For Proposals

The Greenbelt News Review seeks proposals from qualified web designers and developers for an approximately \$5,000 project. Further details are available at Greenbeltnewsreview.com. Closing date for submissions is May 22 at 4 p.m. EDT

AAUW Celebrates Students, Mentors

Join the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of College Park branch and Girls Excelling in Mathematics and Science (GEMS) of Prince George’s County for their first celebration of students and mentors in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The celebration will take place on Saturday, May 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, (two blocks from the College Park Metro).

The event will give those interested in STEM the opportunity to discover their part in Solving the Equation. Attendees will meet the middle school students of GEMS for Prince George’s County, their mentors from the University of Maryland and the students’ families and friends.

AAUW – College Park branch wishes to increase the participation and success of women and girls in STEM. Join the celebration to honor these students and those who have supported them on their path to success.

The event is free and open to the public. Register at <http://goo.gl/forms/54yg200VM5>. For more information, contact Raluca Rosca at 315-790-1468 or rarosca@gmail.com

Sports & Health Expo at Laurel May 16

The Prince George’s County Department of Parks and Recreation will host a free Sports and Health Expo, “Delivering Inclusive Solutions for Today’s Body Health,” on Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Individuals of all ages and abilities are invited to attend this year’s Expo at the Fairland Athletic Center, 13950 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel. The day will feature family fun centered around health and wellness. There will be opportunities to take part in free classes and training sessions, interactive education sessions, sports demonstrations, health screening and exhibitors, food, music, entertainment and other activities. For more information, call 301-446-3400; TTY 301-446-3401.

Lecturer to Examine Jersey Pine Barrens

On Sunday May 17 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., the U.S. Botanic Garden will be the site of a lecture, Plants of the New Jersey Pine Barrens, by Uli Lorimer, curator of native flora at Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

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Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Md. Route 197.

Free Chamber Concert at Riversdale May 17

Riversdale Chamber Music Society will perform a free woodwind concert of Stravinsky’s Rite of Spring on Sunday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park. For more information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544.

Nature Tots: Silly Goose

Introduce preschoolers ages 3 and 4 to the world of geese through games, stories and crafts in this interactive program on Friday, May 29 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center.

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Belly Dance Concert

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At the Greenbelt Museum, from left, Docent Bonnie Shields helps visitors Angela (4) and Andrew Zhang (5) make May baskets as Education/Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Maffay-Tuthill looks on.



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In the Community Center, from left, Maria, Layla (4), Logan (2) and Lutalo Bavegehims make collaged pendants at a craft workshop.



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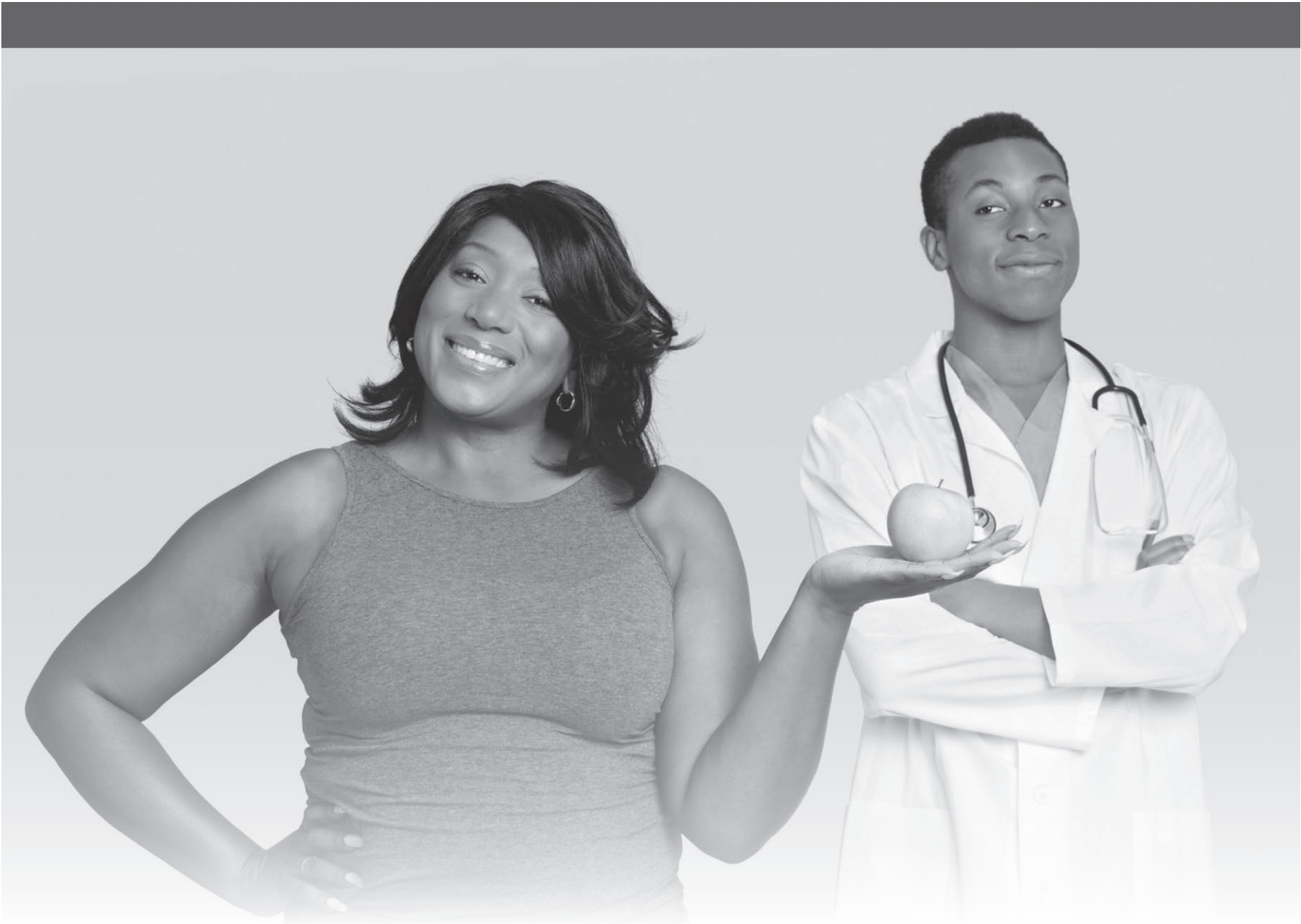
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President Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Abe shaking hands with Eleanor Roosevelt High School students.

Delegation of ERHS Students Invited to the White House

by Daniel Bustros

On April 2 a delegation of approximately 70 students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) was invited to the White House to witness the welcoming ceremony for Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his wife Akie Abe. ERHS, one of the highest performing schools in Prince George’s County, was

invited because of its strong Japanese language program. ERHS is home to three Japanese sister state exchanges with Kanagawa Prefecture, and select ERHS students placed 7th in the 2015 National Japan Bowl competition. At the White House, these students were able to meet both President Obama

and Prime Minister Abe, with most having the opportunity to shake hands and converse with the two.

The visit, near the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII, had the primary goal of strengthening an “alliance focused on the future,” President Obama said. Prime Minister Abe further remarked that his top priority “has been to revitalize the alliance between Japan and the United States.” Ever since the end of World War II in 1945, the U.S. and Japan have been steadily building a strong trade and foreign policy alliance, with the ultimate goal to emerge as leaders in Asia and in the world.

The once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for ERHS students to meet both President Obama and Prime Minister Abe has been an experience that will certainly be remembered for those in the Japanese program. When asked about her experience, Elece Smith, the current President of ERHS’s Japanese National Honor Society said that it was “really exciting to see them willing to work together.” Likewise, Tetsuo Ogawa, the Japanese language teacher at ERHS, added that “being able to share the once-in-a-lifetime experience of meeting both President Obama and Prime Minister Abe at the White House with the students was one of my biggest highlights of my 24 years of teaching in the United States.”

Daniel Bustros is a junior at ERHS and is vice president of the Japanese National Honor Society.



Clinton Shands’ selfie of the ERHS Japanese Program students and chaperones in front of the White House.

Farming Is Focal Point Of New Deal Art Show

by Barbara Simon

Attention artists. The second group show this year at the New Deal Café, Farm to Table, is looking for artwork. The show will be in collaboration with the Greenbelt Farmers Market and will be on display during July and August. The reception will be on Sunday, July 26, and will include events such as wine tasting and fruit and veggie sculpting for kids with Greenbelt artist Tom Baker. Submissions in all media are welcome and may include: market scenes, harvesting, farms, orchards, farm animals, vegetables, fruit, bread-making, etc. All two-dimensional art work in all media must be hooked, wired and ready to hang. Three-dimensional art work is welcome: there is a display case available for three-dimensional art, which

must measure no more than 10x10x10 inches.

The exhibit is limited to artists 18 years and over. Please submit a digital image of the work you would like to have considered for this show to newdealcafeart@yahoo.com (up to 4 entries per artist). Please include the title and size of each art work submitted. Deadline for submission is June 26.

Artists will be notified about acceptance of their work by June 29. If you have any questions or need assistance, email Meg Haney at myevsuk@aol.com or call her at 301-602-2769 or visit the café’s website newdealcafe.com/events/arfphp.

The art show program at the New Deal Café is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

Old Greenbelt Theatre Reopens as Non-Profit

Screenings began Friday, May 1 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT), a not-for-profit organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, reopened the Old Greenbelt Theatre and began showing films on Friday, May 1, after ten months of historic renovations and enhancements.

Old Greenbelt Theatre reopened with a new digital projection system and reel-to-reel 35mm projectors - the only theater in Prince George’s County with such a system - to show

historic and archival films. The theater will show first-run movies as before and will also offer diverse community programming.

FOGT hired Dr. Caitlin McGrath as executive director of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. McGrath is a film scholar and Greenbelt resident. Old Greenbelt Theatre, which first opened around 1938, is at the center of the National Historic Landmark district of Greenbelt, significant for its history as a planned community and a favorite project of President Franklin D. and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

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